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P.O.B.# 324,  
East Liberty,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Jan. 17th, 1914.

Dear Sir:-

Although not a member, I venture to draw your attention to the extraordinary merits of the Danish explorer, archaeologist and numismatist (as far as unusual knowledge of foreign orders, medals and decorations is concerned), who is now stationed in New York (14 John Street). His expedition to Sian-fu in behalf of Christian archaeology, mentioned at length in the "Records of the Past" for Jan.-Feb. 1912, an expedition that has brought him many honors from governments and scientific institutions in Europe, as well as his writings on scientific subjects, if examined into, will probably induce your well-known Society to honor him in some way before he again leaves this country. I have known for many years that he is one of the greatest experts living (in spite of his assertions to the contrary) on the subject of foreign orders and badges, so his knowledge comes well within the scope of your Society, among whose members, I believe, he has many friends. I have thus, when I was in New York, heard him speak with much enthusiasm about Mr. Stephen H.P. Pell and Colonel Thompson.

Hoping that you will recommend and further my respectful suggestion, I remain,

Yours very truly,

G. Valentine  
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